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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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| Meeting Date | 01-10-2017 |
| Council/PH Committee | Parks |
| Agenda Item | Community Gardens |
| Your position on the matter | Comment |
| Representing Organization | Self |
| Do you wish to speak at the hearing? | No |
| Written Testimony | Seeking clarification regards actions of C&C Parks & Rec. employee's authority and possible unprofessional behaviors |
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Community Recreational Gardening Program at Ala Wai Community Garden

December 27, 2016

Ann Kobayashi - Chair
Parks, Community & Customer Services Committee
City & County of Honolulu

Dear Ann,

Happy Holidays!

The City & County Gardener's Handbook (2011, revised), page 2, paragraph 3, reads:
"Each of the Community Gardens is self-governed."

I'm reaching out to you for assistance regards a problematic pattern of behavior by the City & County Community Garden Coordinator, Wayne Sasaki. Wayne has been micro-managing and usurping the elected governing boards at mine and other O'ahu community gardens.

At the Ala Wai Community Garden Association's (AWCGA) April 2016 monthly membership meeting, Mr. Sasaki informed us that it was not allowed for a member to enter another gardener's plot if that gardener wasn't present, even with permission from the gardener (see attached meeting minutes). Since then I've had to deal with numerous stressful incidents of members who have confronted other members for violating Wayne's *No Entry Rule*.

In an extension of Wayne's, *No Entry Rule*, two AWCGA members have contacted me and informed me that while they were watering their neighbors garden plot from outside the fence, Wayne (on a periodic visit to the AWCG) had informed them that they were not allowed nto do this, either.

Additionally, just prior to the December AWCGA membership vote on the new by-laws, Wayne Sasaki stood and publicly urged the members not to vote for approval. His claim was that some of them were likely illegal. Is a C&C Dept. of Parks and Recreation representative supposed to do that?

I would like to recommend in the future, that if Wayne declares any new policy or procedure, he do so via writing on a C & C letterhead. This would greatly facilitate clarity and more easily allow gardens to seek redress.

Please note that Wayne has announced the same *No Entry Rule* policy at various other Community gardens whose representatives have also signed this letter.

Community Recreational Gardening Program
at Ala Wai Community Garden

Sincerely,

Wade Rhein
2016 President
Ala Wai Community Garden Association

Kate Paine
2016 Vice-President & 2017 Vice-President Elect
Mo'ili'ili Community Garden

Aryana Channe
2015 Past-President Community Gardens Council &
Vice-President Diamond Head Community Garden Association

Attachments: AWC GA April 2016 Meeting Minutes
Community Garden Coordinator- Position Description R-1043
cc: file

Ala Wai Community Garden Association Meeting

Monday, April 4, 2016

Iolani High School, Sullivan Center 4th Floor

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

Officers Present: Wade Rhein (President), Nani Picerno-Manrique Nash (Vice-President), Stephanie Visaya Bose (Treasurer), Cristina Spuler (Secretary), and Jamie Jameson (Applications Officer)

Members Present: 64

- I. Call to order by President Wade (C01) at 6pm
- II. A motion to approve the April agenda was made by Al (D31), and seconded by Wes (A08). Motion was approved.
- III. Approval of Draft Minutes
 - a. Wade prefers narrative style.
 - b. A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Georgi (B28), and seconded by David (D08). Motion was approved.
- IV. President Report: Wade (C01)
 - a. Of 39 plots broken into last month 10 plot owners completed and submitted available HPD forms.
 - b. Wade wrote an addendum and posted it on our bulletin board.
 1. Suggestion to place spy camera facing bulletin board has been noted.
 2. No objection to those wishing to install their own camera in their own plot.
- V. VP Report: Nani (D29)
 - a. 16 plot owners have followed up on last month's request to have visible plot number signs and 13 gardens still needs to follow up: Row A: 4, 5, 12, 30, 39 Row B: 3, 4, 8, 20, 32, 33
 - b. A13 & B6's screens impede view of their gardens.
 - c. Plots that appear abandoned are: Row B: 27, 32, 34, 36 Row C: 37
- VI. Treasurer Report: Stephanie (A24)
 - a. Passed out report will be corrected at next month's meeting.
 - b. This month's five (5) door prizes are compliments of American Savings Bank at Market City.
Winners are: Mihn (D15) & Geri (B13) received ASB towels
Anna (D21) & Keiko (B11) received ASB tote bags
Jenet (D16) received an ASB canvas bag
- VII. Application Officer Report: Jamie (B22)
 - a. Reminder: applicants cannot miss more than two meetings if you wish to avoid having to reapply and start anew.
 - b. Five gardens are available tonight: B08, B25, B33, C07 & D22.
 1. Top of current member wait list A36 will take B25.
 2. No other takers on current member wait list willing to take available plots, new applicant wait list will be used.
 - a. Laura Koonce (top of current applicant attendees) accepted B33.
 - b. Cindy Richardson & Joyce George accepted C07.
 - c. Janet Josh initially declined and then accepted D22.
 - d. Cindy Mendonca accepted B08.
- VIII. Community Recreational Garden Coordinator Report: Wayne Sasaki
 - a. Apologizes that he was not at last month's meeting, he was on vacation.

- b. Reminds new plot owners that user fee & dues must be paid before they can be considered official garden members. If they don't pay they can have their plot taken back.
- c. Vehicles are not allowed to be driven in the public area between the school fence and row A, only authorized vehicles are allowed. Also, no vehicles are allowed on the bike pathway.
- d. Permanent structures such as concrete poles/posts or hollowed tiles (walls) are not allowed and plots with permanent structures are forewarned that they may be asked to take them down at a future date.
- e. Please get approval from Wayne before getting any noncommercial mulch (tree trimmings) dumped at the community garden. We are trying to avoid getting any pest such as the Rhinoceros Beetle and Little Fire Ants at our garden. Any gardener allowing illegal dumping will risk having your plot taken away as that mulch may have infestation. Current mulch pile front of our gardens was not approved. Also, newly brought in mulch must be used or spread immediately to avoid infestation. This can be timed with workdays.
- f. No one can enter other gardener's plots unless the plot owner is also present inside that plot.
- g. Plot owners may not exchange gardens directly with each other. They must go thru the wait list process and have their names on transfer waitlist.
- h. Cookbooks still for sale and flyers showing botanical gardens' class schedules given by our botanical gardens are available.

IX. Old Business

- a. Iolani Fun Fair sign-up sheets are available here as spots are still available for the two day fair.
 - 1. Kelli, our Iolani Liaison, says that each shift is 3-4 hours and those who signed up will be contacted once the shifts have been finalized.
- b. Draft by-laws.
 - 1. Per Wade, we will have an up or down vote by June 2016. If 51% of attendee members vote for approval, it will be registered with the C&C. Those wishing to comment have two minutes to do so and can also contact Treasurer Stephanie to help with the by-law committee.
- a) Danita (A22) points out the \$18 user fee has no flexible wording should C&C decide to raise it.
- b) Eva & Gina would like us to go over Robert's Rule of Orders and President Wade agreed to this request while pointing out that it is available online. Also, a book is available and can be available by placing it at the entry table during the monthly meetings.
- c. President Wade requests a formation of a committee to resolve Jan Halpenny's payment impasse. There is a difference of \$400 between what she feels she is owed and amount determined by Treasurer Stephanie according to valid receipts she submitted.
 - 1. Georgie (B28) asked if the Board had all the receipts and Pat (A22) asked if they met the less than \$200 minimum purchase not subject to a vote requirement and Treasurer Stephanie replied yes to both questions.

X. New Business

- a. Stephanie has put up a donated cork board alongside the shed fence and members may post garden related info such as plant/seedling swaps, recipes etc. with a time limit of 14 days.

XI. Next Meeting & Clean-up

- a. Meeting: Monday May 1, 2016 at 6 PM sharp @ Iolani School's Sullivan Center.
- b. Clean-up with Stephanie as host on Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 8 am to 10 am, and Jaime as host on Sunday, April 17, 2016 from 3 pm to 5 pm.

XII. Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM

Taken & Prepared by Cristina Spuler, Secretary (C23) and corrected by Wade (C01), Wayne (C&C) & Stephanie (A24)

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12.05.16 AWCGA MEETING

65 attendees w complete officers

- I. Call to order: 6:15
- II. Approval of Agenda motioned & seconded by Al D31 & Emily B13
- III. Approval of Minutes table motioned by Josh D22 & Ruta B17
- IV. President Wade's Report: each member received a yellow ballot upon sign in and Floor Nominations will be conducted & elections of 2017 officers and Yes/No of by-laws to follow
- V. Nani VP's Report: it's been a pleasure working with you folks this past year
- VI. Treasurer Stephanie's Report: november's financial report is on the back side of tonight's agenda and year ending balance will be \$1978.32 including tonight's party's expense of \$632
- VII. Application Officer Jamie's Report: no vacant garden to give away tonight (Wade says that B6 officially quit their garden today and it will be available in January 2017)
- VIII. Community Recreational Garden Coordinator Wayne's Report: Kaneohe community garden has 9 available plots, defeat on a proposal for liability insurance & asks us to table tonight's vote on our by-laws due to several serious errors on its language. Wade states that we still can and should vote for the by/laws and that any/all language error can be set aside by City & County
- IX. Old Business: Wade explains that members may nominate others or themselves and waiting list applicant Jim Kehrer volunteers to write those named nominations on the board; Wade starts with nomination for President - Stephanie A24 nominates herself; Wade asks for and receives no second nomination. Wade then goes to Vice President wherein Al of D25 nominates Cristina of C23; Wade asks for receives no second nomination. Wade goes to Secretary and Taka C22 nominates Susan A11 and Wade asks but doesn't receive a second nomination. Wade goes on to Treasurer and Jamie nominates herself and there is no second nomination. Wade asks for application officer: both Nani D28 & Donna A22 nominate themselves. Wade give Nani and Donna 2 minutes to speak which both do. Wade then closes the nominations and asks each attendee to deposit their completed yellow ballots to a designated box held by a garden council member & outside monitor
- X. Next Meeting & Clean Up Times: Monday, January 9, 2017 6-7pm @ Iolani School and Saturday December 17, 2017 8-10 a.m with host Nani and Sunday December 18, 2017 3-5pm w Wade
- XI. Wade adjourns the meeting at 7pm
- XII. Vote results: 2017 AWCGA Officers: President - Stephanie. Vice-President - Cristina. Treasurer - Jamie. Secretary - Susan. Plot Application Officer - Nani Respectfully submitted by Cristina